



St. Nicholas Academy

Approved

October 23rd, 2018

St. Nicholas Academy Board of Limited Jurisdiction

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Meeting September 18th, 2018

Present: Fr. Matt Robben, Neil Bailey, Kevin Braun, Bridget Hoffman, Mary Imhoff, Angie Noble, Joe Geers, Rick Bohne

Also present: Aideen Briggs, Jim Volz, Cindy Hardesty, Michael Kapolka (Pastoral Intern with Fr. Matt)

Not present: Fr. Tim Bunch, Fr. Ray Kellerman

Call to Order and Faith Formation: Rick Bohne called the meeting to order. A quorum was present. The Chair led the member in a prayer for healing.

Minutes:

1. There were a couple of corrections to the minutes from the August meeting.

2. Bridget moved that the minutes be approved as amended. Joe seconded and the minutes were approved.

Communications:

1. Rick read a communication from Fr. Ray.

2. Fr. Ray, in conjunction with the Holy Trinity Finance Council and Parish Council, has decided to give notice of their intent to withdraw from the covenant. Although the amount of parish support for the school has decreased from 18% to 10%, it still presents a significant burden to the parish.

3. The number of children from Holy Trinity attending SNA continues to decline. Last year, 45 students were from Holy Trinity and the contribution from the parish was \$80,655.

4. Fr. Ray is very saddened by this, as it was hoped that SNA would become the model for elementary Catholic education for the archdiocese but there are too many obstacles for this to become a reality.

5. In July of 2019, there will be a new pastor appointed to Holy Trinity. That person can change this decision or ratify it.

6. Although several members believe it may be helpful to meet with the archbishop, his past response has been to go to the school office.

7. Cindy brought up the fact that many of the schools are experiencing a decrease in enrollment.

8. Discussion ensued including looking at the structure of Sts. Peter and Paul Academy.

9. It was decided that the members would come prepared to discuss this further at the next Board meeting.

Principal report:

1. Our second fire inspection was approved and is on file. There was an electrical problem in the wall between 2 classrooms, which has been fixed. There was mold in the modular unit. Reading was notified and the problem was fixed. The recent air quality report was okay, but another will be done shortly.

2. We received our provisional license for the preschool.

3. Our enrollment is 166. Seven students are in preschool, 4 all day and 3 in half day.

4. Last year, for our OCSSA accreditation, our goal was implementation. This year it is Progress Report I. They created a review based on our implementation. We completed the 1st part as a faculty at the faculty meeting, and will complete the other at the teacher in-service.

5. The first turn in day for the Walkathon was good. The students may start wearing their Walkathon shirts tomorrow if they turn in \$30. We had a kick-off assembly last Friday, and are still looking for an emcee.

6. The Council on Child Abuse came last week. The program for K-2 was on child abuse and 3-8 was on bullying. They said the kids are great and they saw little concern.

7. Extended Care is up to nine students. We still have no one to help on Thursdays and Fridays.

Finance:

1. Finance met and went through the first draft of the budget for 2018-2019. We discussed some changes which Jim made. We will need to monitor expenses to be sure this all works out. The large increase under other income is due largely to the increase in the Jon Petersen Scholarship students. Jim put it on a separate line on his latest report.

2. Funds for Interventionists show higher on the salary line but this is off set by the income from auxiliary funds.

3. There are some changes in benefits which are reflected on the budget.

4. Preschool wages are included in instructional salaries. This does not include Extended Care, Cafeteria, and Administrative salaries. Interventionists are credited below on the budget.

Marketing:

1. The Marketing meeting scheduled for Monday September 17th, was postponed until October 1st. PTO announced that marketing is in need of helpers.

2. Angie updates Facebook every Sunday night. She would like to do it daily, but it is not possible for her to do.

3. People in charge of events will need to publicize their own events. Angie will help but they will need to proceed on their own.

Athletics

1. Fall sports are about half way over now. There have been no complaints from the league to this point.

2. Winter sports sign ups have started and will run until the beginning of October. Teams need to be registered by October 15th.

3. We have our football equipment and uniforms in the garage and are hoping to be able to keep them there. Fr. Matt is hoping to give us the whole bay for storage.

4. Bob has been working to caulk the gym roof. Kevin is hopeful Athletics will agree to give him something for doing this.

5. The question was raised as to why our soccer home field is in Glendale. Kevin replied that our soccer is through Evendale and that is where they had a field for us. There is no charge to this while Kemper wanted to charge us.

6. Kevin was also asked if there is any way to be sure the bathrooms are open for the players and spectators. Kevin will follow up on this.

Pastors: No report.

Facilities:

1. The school/church roof will take about 5 weeks to complete because of the rain.

2. Gym roof was covered in the Athletic report.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Open House: Postponed until October meeting.

October Meeting

1. Cindy will bring people to meeting to give input on possibly changing our school governance.

2. Bridget will look at other options for healthcare and benefits.

3. Members will research alternative school models.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 16th.

Angie moved the meeting be adjourned. Neil seconded.

Fr. Matt led the members in closing prayer.